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IMMUNOSTIMULATION BY POSITIONAL MODIFICATION OF

NUCLEOSIDES

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 4, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: